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MONTEREY NEWS

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O U R T O W N

Special Town Meeting January 22

The Board of Selectmen wish to call to the attention of all Monterey voters a Special Town Meeting to be held in the social room of the Congregational Church on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 A.M. Article III on the Warrant is presented below in its entirety, so that townspeople may have a chance to consider it fully before the discussion on Saturday.

Proposed Revision to the Zoning By-law Providing for Regulation of Non-Municipal Educational and Religious Uses

Any non-municipal educational educational use or any religious use is subject to the following regulations:

(1) A site plan and informational statement must be presented to the permit-granting authority before any change of use of land or building or before any construction, reconstruction or alteration of any building or structure. The architect, landscape architect or civil engineer must show existing buildings, roads, parking areas, sewer and water lines, drainage systems, water courses, trees over 12" in diameter at breast height, and any other significant existing man-made or natural features.

(2) The informational statement shall detail the probable effects of the use on the following: (A) attendance at public schools; (B) increase in vehicle traffic; (C) changes in the number of legal residents; (D) increase in municipal service costs; (E) load on public utilities or future demand for them; (F) public safety, police and fire protection; (G) changes in tax revenue; (H) changes in surface drainage; (I) increased consumption of water; (J) increased refuse disposal; (K) land erosion or loss of tree cover; (L) character of surrounding neighborhood; (M) master plan of the Town; (N) any pertinent regional plans.

Among other matters to be considered is the following:

A ratification by vote of the Town's expressed intent to elect five Board of Appeals members and have two Associate Members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. (Permission came from the State to elect only three members and one alternate. To increase the number of members and alternates, the issue must first be voted in Monterey and then go back through the state Congress).

Monterey Store Sold

The Monterey Store has a Purchase Agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Weiss. The closing date is tentatively set for March 14. The Weisses and their 7-month-old son will live in the apartment at the back of the store.

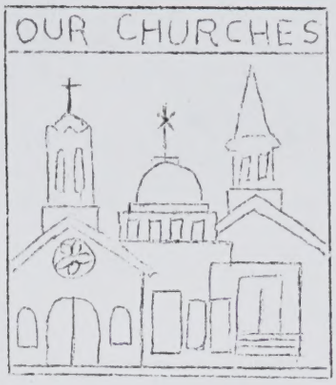
Albert and Frances Phoenix have been running the store for over twelve years and will be greatly missed when they leave Monterey.

Chief of Police Urges Caution in Driving

Chief of Police Douglas Lyman urges Monterey drivers to drive carefully and slowly on the snowy roads this winter. Children are out on the roads; people are walking and sledding; the roads are slippery. Anyone who needs further encouragement should be advised that the radar is out and that over fifty citations have been issued in the past two weeks.

News Items for Monterey News

If you have a news item that you wish to have appear in the Monterey News please mail it to Patricia Howard, editor, Box 105, Monterey, before the 10th of the month. We welcome all material that we have room for.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Church School, grades 4-6, Sunday, 9:15 a.m.; Kindergarten, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; grades 1-3, Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

Lenten Program Planned

The Lenten Program this year calls for an active interplay between pastor and people. The morning worship and sermons during the six Sundays of Lent are to be based upon the response of the people to the request: "In the life of faith in what area would you most like more understanding?" All persons in the congregation are urged to respond to this request. If one wishes to state several desires, by all means do so. Do not hesitate at seemingly difficult or impossible questions.

When all the responses are in, then Dr. Brallier will study them, group as many together in single topics as possible, select six topics and scriptures to go with each and publish the list.

Then the next phase of the task will return to the people. During one week of each of the six weeks, those people who are willing will explore any of the subjects and scriptures in more depth, raise more questions and observations, record this information and give it to the pastor.

Then the pastor will take all this material, and with his own study and reflection, will produce the morning worship and sermons for the next Sunday. The fuller the measure of participation by all in the congregation, the more meaningful this program promises to be.

It is hoped that the first phase of this program, the statements regarding areas of faith in which more understanding is sought, can be in the pastor's hands by February 1. Persons may include their names or not with the requests -- according to what is comfortable. They may be mailed to Dr. Brallier, Box 308, Monterey, or they may be handed in during any of the Sundays in January.

H A H A

Laughing,
I looked up at the moon
And told her my secret.
"I am a poet,"
I said to the moon.

Laughing,
The moon looked down on me
And told me her secret.
"I am the sun,"
Said that foolish
Arrogant
Moon.

Patricia Howard

FAITH: A NEW CHAPTER

(slightly condensed version of Minister's Annual Report)

I have come to cherish our annual meeting as a time to reflect on the "state of the Church." It usually takes on two points of focus -- the temper of the Church in general and manifestations of this temper in the Monterey Church. This year I find myself reflecting on the way faith keeps finding vital ways of expressing itself through all the shiftings of the cultural scene.

We tend to have an image of faith in Jesus Christ as being a simple, unchanged expression through the ages. That faith has a common denominator through the years. Yet any true reading of history shows a shifting panorama as faith moved from the first century to the third. Faith simply cannot be expressed in the same forms as it moves from being an ignored or persecuted minority to becoming the most dominant force in the empire. It shifts expression again as the barbarian invasions threaten everything on the landscape, including Christianity. And how shall faith be expressed when Christianity moves into the high contention atmosphere of the Reformation period? Still again, faith is subjected to the acids of the scientific revolution. And how is faith to state its hope as society is rocked by the ravaging fires of rebellion while all institutions are regarded with suspicion? Faith has found itself re-crystallizing again and again and again -- giving forth different hues and tones as it has been tried and purified in the fires of history.

I find myself still trying to erase some small part of how faith has re-crystallized from the way it was in my childhood to now. The broad outline of the change has been this: in my childhood, faith and its "proper" expression were largely prescribed by the Church, but now the sanction of faith lies more with each individual. What a sweeping change this is! How slow we are to comprehend this revolution in faith.

Recently it has begun to dawn on me in my counselling practice that those who engage me in the most penetrating discussions regarding the nature of life and faith are more frequently those who have dissociated themselves from institutional expressions of religion. It is often among those people who are "going it on their own" that some of the deepest probing, searching, seeking is taking place. There is no indication that the dissociation from institutional expressions of faith insures deeper faith. Not at all, but only to say that currently some of the most intense evidence of the search is taking place outside the church or synagogue.

What we are noting here is the fact of an enormous ground shift. Faith -- or what sometimes appears to be non-faith -- seeks its validation within each person more than from church or synagogue. At first blush this seems a completely chaotic situation. Those of us who have sought some sort of consensus from our institutions may fear that, left to each person, nothing but the most primitive and anarchic varieties will flourish. If all semblance of church or synagogue should disappear, then our fears might be justified.

Yet early outlines of the next chapter are already appearing. Let me speculate on what it may look like. The institutional expressions of religion will be sharply reduced in size, but with the reduction will come much more vitality, a leanness lending itself more readily to depth of fellowship, more honesty about what we don't know and more courage to stand with what we do know. Along beside this will be this larger group affirming and validating their faith or non-faith largely from their own experience. Will the two approaches grow a million miles apart? My guess is, no. Why? Because the vitality of these small, lean centers of faith will radiate a light, greater than size would suggest, into the culture around them. Thus, no person's faith will be growing in a cultural vacuum.

One thing further. Suppose a climate emerges in which each person is freed to reach deeper into his own humanity. Might this not turn out to be the deepest validation of all that those of us in the church or synagogue call God?

Jeremiah had a vision. Depending on one's viewpoint, it was either terrifying or a grand dream come true. Speaking for God, the prophet said:

> "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no more shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord."

Is this an impossible dream? If it were ever to become possible, the beginnings might very well have their foundations in just such a wonderful, awful age as ours. Allow me to sum up what I have been trying to say in one sentence. I am anxious over that age in which each person carries the law of faith and conduct in his own heart: the kingdom of God will arrive more fully when faith and life flow from within each person and are no longer pumped in by church or synagogue. Do we have faith and courage enough if this should be the outlines of the next chapter in the divine-human drama?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

The Christmas season each year is an especially happy time at Gould Farm. There is so much that needs to be done within a limited number of days, and done together, which is the best part of it. Wreaths to make, the big spruce on the north lawn to string with lights, the living room tree to select, bring down from the hill and dress with ornaments, the dining room and living room to make bright with greens -- each day is marked for another pleasant job. On Christmas Eve, after a gala, candle-lighted meal, there is a gift service, when each of us contributes a useful and we hope attractive article for a group in the neighborhood, selected especially because of need. Probably everyone's favorite event is the one which follows this simple service. It is the live creche at the big barn, with Mary, Joseph and the Child, the angels and shepherds and all the rest. This year the donkey was the only half-willing attendant, but he was induced to stand by, and the total effect, it seemed to us, was peaceful, reverent and warm, even that bitter night. On New Year's Eve there was a masquerade and dance. The season was blessed by the frequent appearance of an unusually fine choir, trained by Janet Cassel and accompanied by her and Mary Anne Carter. That was a treat indeed.

Two young men came to join the staff in December. They will remain at least a year as work leaders. Ken Beam from Elverson, Pennsylvania, graduated in May from the East Mennonite College in Harrisburg, Virginia, where he received a B.S. in Social Work. He heard of Gould Farm from a friend in Vermont. Ty Pyles has lived in Tipp City, near Dayton, Ohio. He came to the Farm through the Brethren Volunteer Services.

The workmen at the new building say that we can now lay the carpets, so we feel encouraged.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met on December 15 for the annual Christmas Party. 54 people, including 36 Monterey members, 9 visiting Grangers and 9 non-members, enjoyed a bountiful supper and a variety program put on by children and members, and all enjoyed a visit from Santa.

The next meeting will be on January 19. Pirate Bingo will be played, in charge of Worthy Master John Lossin. Members are to bring a wrapped Bingo gift.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

THE PHILERGIANS

On December 6 we met at the home of Gertrude Gould. Her home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. She royally fed us with many kinds of Christmas goodies. A group of singers and instrumentalists from Gould Farm presented a thrilling and inspiring Christmas program.

On Monday, February 7 at 8:00 p.m., we will meet at the home of Frances Tryon for a teacup auction. We always look forward to this evening as a "fun time." We welcome any women of the church and community who wish to join us.

Marie Brallier
Chairman

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

Our skiing program has started, a very active group of youngsters from age 3 through high school.

The Christmas Toy Sale was very successful, and our thanks go out to all the persons who helped.

Cynthia Weber
President

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — During December the Brownies rehearsed a skit which they presented at the annual Town Christmas Party on December 22. In January the girls will be learning to identify birds. They will study what kinds of food birds eat and will construct a variety of bird feeders. The Brownies have a new assistant leader to help Maureen Bradley with her duties. Nancy Kolodner will be working with them from now on.

Cadettes — The Cadettes will soon begin the standard Red Cross First Aid course. In addition to this, they will study CPR (Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation), a combination of artificial respiration and manual artificial circulation recommended in case of cardiac arrest.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts — The theme for the Cubs this month is "World of Tomorrow." Dens 1 and 2 will prepare for the Space Derby on February 18 by whittling rockets out of pinewood blocks. Propelled by rubber bands, the rockets will be raced along a course prepared by the Webelo Scouts, using saw horses and fishing lines. The Space Derby, held in conjunction with a regular pack meeting, will be in the Mill River Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Webelos — The Webelos are completing their Citizen's Badge with Claudette Callahan. They will soon begin working on their Craftsman's Badge with Marie O'Connor.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

In November, three members of the youth group, Karen Champigny, Sylvia Brallier and Elizabeth Thorn went with Cory Loder to Boston for a serendipity workshop, led by Lyman Coleman. At this workshop they worked in groups of eight to help learn more about others and themselves in the Christian community by playing games, asking questions, singing and various other means of communication.

Many people from many places came, people of all ages. Next time there is another workshop the youth group urges you to come because of what this one did for them.

Sylvia Brallier

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The January meeting of the Monterey Roadrunners was cancelled because of the snow storm. The next meeting will be February 8, 7:30 p.m., at Kristine Heath's.

TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Town Christmas Party was held on December 22 in the Monterey Church. Brownies, Cub Scouts and the Wednesday Church School presented the evening's program. Santa delivered gifts to Monterey children from birth through the Second Grade. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Phoenix for the donation of the candy canes and to the Thorn family for the oranges. Donations received enabled us to hold this event, and we are very grateful to those who sent them.

MONTEREY CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Monterey Christmas workshop was well attended, with 45 boys and girls participating. Christmas gifts and decorations were made by the children, under the supervision of approximately nine adults. Many thanks go out to the ladies who donated their time and material: Irene Smith, Cynthia Weber, Evelyn Candee, Sue LePrevost, Ann Vickerman, Maureen Bradley, Pauline Roberts, Pat Andrus and Lois Ryder.

POEM WRITTEN BY ENNIS BLOUNT AT THE AGE OF 4:

LINES COMPOSED WHILE RIDING IN A CAR
WITH HER HEAD OUT THE WINDOW

She looked out the window and saw a million of trees
Dancing and dancing in the wind.
And she looked and forgot and fell into the distance
And her mother never saw her again.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month our heartfelt thanks go out to the following: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Allan, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anderson, Mrs. Solomon Berson, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bradley, George Brett, Henry Brooks, Dr. & Mrs. Edward Brown, Mrs. Lois Bull, Rev. James Chase, Dr. & Mrs. David Burns, Miss Martha Buttenheim, Virginia Cesario, Kathryn Clark, Mrs. R. R. Cobian, Mrs. James Cooney, Mrs. Margaret Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. William Darling, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ensign, Mrs. Arthur Funk, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Garber, Dory Green, Jack Hargis & David Brush, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hayes, Mrs. Roy Hepp, Mrs. Rose Jockwig & Miss Kathleen King, Roy Kahn, Alfred King, John Kotleski, Rev. & Mrs. Lewis Kreuzer, Mr. & Mrs. John Lambert, Jr., George McVey, Mrs. Diana Malan, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Messenger, Charles Nathan, Mr. & Mrs. Denis O'Connor, Dr. & Mrs. William Oislander, Miss Judith Oplinger, Mrs. Eugene Ormandy, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Paine, Deborah Patton, James Pearson, Mrs. Joan Reed, Alan Roland, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Rosebrock, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rydberg, Paul Schweid, Sam Semaya, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Harold Stein, William Stevens, Stephen Sultan, Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Whipple, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Kyle Wing III, Mary Wocel, Mr. & Mrs. Sol Zaret.

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